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7/26/2007 6:29:39 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to claude.groven@orange-ftgroup.com.

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Claude.groven@orange-ftgroup.com wrote on 7/25/2007 2:59:28 PM :

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Claude Groven (Claude.groven@orange-ftgroup.com) writes:

Dear Chairman Martin

I strongly believe that competition is the greatest assets of the United States. Allowing the merger of the two existing satellite radio companies into one single corporation is a sham. Do not approve of this merger. The original allocation of the precious frequency spectrum was done with the proviso of having two companies competing in offering services to the public.

We would not think of allowing the wireless industry to consolidate into one single operating company.

The two companies are pretending to offer a porfolio of option to the consumer. Dear Sir look at the cable companies without competition or very little competition they have increased the rates to stratospheric level.

Do not consider this merger as it is not in the best interest of the American people.

Best regards

Claude Groven

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moldrup@sbcglobal.net wrote on 7/24/2007 11:49:57 AM:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

The latest proposal by Sirius regarding the merger with XM offers a two-tiered pricing plan that undermines their merger strategy. One price plan is \$2 more per month for services already received and the other plan is \$6 less but requires that a new radio be purchased and installed. I just purchased a \$250 car radio to receive satellite stations, and now I am told I will have to buy another radio and dispose of my almost new one. This does not sound like good business or good government regulation if they are allowed to proceed with this troublesome plan.

Sincerely, William Moldrup 3369 Wawona Court Merced, CA 95340-0959 (209) 723-9417

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baudouin@demarcken.org wrote on 7/24/2007 11:18:16 AM:

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As a regular listener to the XM radio service, I wish to urge your colleagues and you who serve the public through the Federal Communication Commission to approve the proposed merger of the two satellite radio systems.

While, recognizably, there is a slight risk of an increase in fees to customers in the long term, I believe the benefits of the merger to customers far outweigh this risk. To cite what, admittedly might be considered a somewhat frivolous citizen interest (though not frivolous to my wife!) such a merger would enable customers in more rural areas regularly to listen to all major sports events. At present if one is an XM listener, she cannot receive the football game broadcasts. On the other hand, a Sirius listener misses out on the major league baseball broadcasts. The only remedy is to subscribe to both services, greatly increasing the cost both for equipment and subscription fees, as well as making radio listening much more cumbersome.

In the current over the air communication climate, it would appear that citizens have numerous alternatives to choose from so that anti-competition tendencies should be viewed as a relatively low risk. This becomes even more so when one adds to increasingly prevalent access people have made of the internet.

I believe citizens will be best served by approval of the proposed Sirius/XM merger and hope that the FCC will grant it.

Sincerely yours,

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7/24/2007 10:47:55 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to Ishulman@gmail.com.

Ishulman@gmail.com wrote on 7/23/2007 11:35:32 PM:

Mr. Chairman-

I am writing to ask that you vote to allow the proposed merger between Sirius and XM satellite radio. As a customer of these services, I can tell you first hand that in no way would their merger lessen the competitiveness of this industry. It would have an enormous benefit for consumers because it would finally allow us access to content that until now has been restricted to one service or the other.

The clearest example obviously is sports. The constant division of sports on XM and sirius is awful. To make matters worse, they change every five years. Thus, we can't invest in radios when our favorite programing just switches.

please vote to allow this merger.

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7/24/2007 10:48:07 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to jga831@yahoo.com.

jga831@yahoo.com wrote on 7/23/2007 9:21:51 PM :

Dear Chairman Martin,

I am writing this evening to voice my opposition to the pending merger between XM and Sirius. It seems inevitable to me that whenever the two major players in an industry merge that the consumer will suffer as prices rise and services are curtailed. Therefore, I respectfully request that the FCC not allow this merger to take place.

Sincerely,

John Barr 4105 Stuart Ave Richmond, VA 23221

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krinman@yahoo.com wrote on 7/23/2007 6:47:55 PM :

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Kris Inman (krinman@yahoo.com) writes:

Dear sir:

I'd like to take this opportunity to speak to you about the proposed merger of XM and Sirius. I am not a congressman or lobbyist. I'm an average midwesterner. It seems that people like me have little voice in this merger discussion, so I hope you have time in your busy day to read this, and I thank you if you can. I'd just like to say that for me and every single person I know, the proposed merger would be absolutely great. Some of us currently pay for both services just to get football and baseball. How can a merger be anything but great in that regard? And to those who would cite the failed satellite TV merger as their argument against this? People who live in rural areas have to get satellite TV, as they cannot get cable -- so the failure made sense. But who can't get free radio? Everyone can. So that argument in this case holds no sway whatsoever. And please, sir -- don't be swayed by the "satellite radio is full of filth" argument. No one has to get it if they don't want it, they can listen to regular radio. And the idea that the NAB is against the merger is about as persuasive as Wal Mart being against an improved Kmart. Of course they're against it, it's their competition. And, isn't that what we're after, competition? Again, sir, I thank you for your time. Please, please remember common folks like myself when this all goes down. We are the ones who truly support this merger, but our voices may be harder to hear.

Respectfully, Kris Inman

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7/23/2007 3:32:38 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to barrypcohn@sbcglobal.net.
barrypcohn@sbcglobal.net wrote on 7/23/2007 3:32:24 PM :
Gentlemen
I strongly urge you to oppose the proposed merger of XM and Sirius Satellite Radio corporations.
Original licenses were granted with the stricture that these two entities not be allowed to merge at a future date.
I urge you to enforce this stricture; it is in the consumer's best interest to have choice; combination of these two entities limits choice.
Respectfully
Barry Cohn
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Houston, Tx 77069

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7/24/2007 2:40:31 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to sonoeawe@aol.com.

SoNoEaWe@aol.com wrote on 7/24/2007 2:40:00 PM :

My wife and I drive 2 cars and due to trying to purchase the most fuel efficient vehicles we have ended up with one equipped with XM, the other with Sirius. This adds to our cost of using Satellite radio. As we are retired and travel a good deal we like having both vehicles so equipped. I hope in the merger process you will consider how a consumer can get the best channels of both networks without 2 separate subscriptions. Ideally we would like to be able to get both networks on our existing units without needing to purchase new equipment.

Thanks for considering this.

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7/17/2007 4:49:25 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to gpete@adelphia.net.

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gpete@adelphia.net wrote on 7/17/2007 12:41:08 PM:

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Gregg Peterson (gpete@adelphia.net) writes:

Sirius XM merger:

How can it take so long to approve an obviously superior company profile for investors and consumers while Rupert Murdoch is allowed to purchase as many media outlets he wants? Are there no longer any cross-ownership rules left that the FCC will uphold? Stop playing favorites and approve the merger ASAP! The Exxon-Mobile merger was OK'd in less time and they have something we actually need! I'm choosing to buy Sirius radio.

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7/24/2007 10:47:43 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to olenzekm@hotmail.com.

olenzekm@hotmail.com wrote on 7/24/2007 7:31:31 AM:

I am an XM subscriber but there are some programming on Sirius that I would like be able to get. I do not want to have to subscribe to both systems.

The truth is that each provider now has a monopoly on what they provide. If you allow a merger then one would be able to get any of the content from one source.

I especially like the a-la-carte proposal that they have proposed.

So, agane, please allow the merger to go through. There are plenty of other ways for consumers to get their music etc. to prevent a true monoploy.

Thank You, Marc Olenzek olenzekm@hotmail.com

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BauerL@arcadia.edu wrote on 7/24/2007 7:37:14 AM:

Just want to say...ala carte for satellite radio sounds like a wonderful compromise. I bought XM because I wanted news radio and NHL, but I can't get NFL because it's on Sirrus. I love football. I am on the verge of having two satellite radios.

In my house, I have Direct TV and Cable (because Comcast won't allow Phillies and Flyers on satellite), and two types of broadband access. But I'd like to keep to just one satellite radio to listen to sports.

Thanks,

Lori Bauer

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DGronka@cs.com wrote on 7/23/2007 10:59:11 PM :

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

My family and I urge the Federal Communication Commission to reject the merger between XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio unless decency restrictions are applied to the merged satellite company.

The FCC does not require Satellite radio to comply with the decency restrictions that are enforced on terrestrial radio. Approving one satellite radio company with no decency restrictions will cause greater competition disparities between a satellite radio monopoly and terrestrial radio stations.

The FCC should apply indecency restrictions to satellite radio as part of the merger terms between XM and Sirius if the application is to be approved. Otherwise, we urge you to reject the merger because it will create competitive disparities that are unfair to terrestrial radio.

Sincerely,

Dennis Gronka 1039 E Ocean View Ave Norfolk, VA 23503